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ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

Draft decision submitted by the working group on procedures

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction and its preparatory process

The Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction decides to adopt the following procedures for participation of non-governmental organizations in the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction and its preparatory process:

1. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which express their wish to attend the Conference and its Preparatory Committee meetings shall be accedited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction for this purpose.

2. The secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process.

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3. All such applications must be accompanied by information on the organization's competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, indicating the particular areas of the Conference preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain.

4. In cases where the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction believes, on the basis of the information provided, that the organization has established its competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it will recommend to the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee that the organization be accredited. The list to be presented to the Bureau will be circulated to all Member States for information.

5. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee will decide on all proposals for accreditation. The list of accredited non-governmental organizations will be circulated to all Member States.

6. In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, non-governmental organizations shall have no negotiating role in the work of the Conference and its preparatory process.